



**SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2011
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7 P.M.**

Regular Meeting	The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the community room of the South Fire District Station on Thursday, June 9, 2011 immediately following the Community Public Meeting held at 7 p.m.
Present	Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano, Council Members Ronald P. Klattenberg, Gerald E. Daley, Joseph E. Bibisi, Robert P. Santangelo, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Deborah A. Kleckowski, David Bauer, and Daniel Drew; and Corporation Counsel William Howard; Sergeant-at-Arms Captain Howard, and Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.
Absent	Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Philip J. Pessina, Hope P. Kasper, James B. Streeto.
Also Present	Three members of the public
Meeting Called to Order	The Chair calls the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. leads the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Call of Meeting Read	The Call of the meeting is read and accepted. The Mayor declares this call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.
Public Hearing Opens	The Chair opens the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. on the agenda item.
Public Hearing Closed	The Chair asks if there are any members of the public who wish to speak on the agenda item, the Interlocal Agreement. Seeing no one, the Chair closes the public hearing on agenda items at 7:44 p.m.
<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>4-1</u>

The Chair states he will entertain a motion on the agenda item for tonight's meeting.

Councilman Bibisi states he moves to approve agenda item 4-1; Councilman Daley seconds the motion. The Chair asks if any member of the Council would like to be heard.

Councilman Santangelo asks if he can ask questions of Captain Howard; he has a couple of concerns. He asked the other night, we will be receiving \$50 and asked if it was room and board and the answer was yes and he asked the Captain if someone stays during the day and they have three meals how much is budgeted. Captain Howard responds it is \$8 per meal and it is \$24 if someone is there for three meals. Councilman Santangelo states you said you might change the vendor for food and dealing with MacDonald for the \$1 meal and it would be \$3. Captain Howard responds MacDonald's is open and the Athenian Diner would be backup. Councilman Santangelo states they won't get an answer tonight; the fact is I am diabetic and can't eat from MacDonald's and would ask for special meal. The whole thing and budget and the agreement is \$50, it covers everything. Because we have the room and bed, what we get paid is insignificant. We have not identified the individual costs. You are not saying in there the breakdown of the costs and what is absorbed by you. Captain Howard states it includes the meal and if it is a special meal, the hospital is open. Councilman Santangelo states the breakdown, we don't see. Second, I asked about the indemnification that covers us and it stays the same, but asked if a mutual aid agreement was necessary and your answer is we don't do any services in East Hampton and it is not required. A Middletown officer will not pick-up or deliver a prisoner and if someone goes to a hospital the East Hampton officer has to come and pick up the person and take them. There is no need for mutual aid. He is concerned about the costs, including meals and then bed. Captain Howard responds if it is 3 meals, it is if they are there on the weekends. Councilman Daley asks how many prisoners. Captain Howard replies two or three a month. Councilman Santangelo states he just wants to identify the costs. Councilman Daley states they are not large expenses.

Councilman Bauer states he is for the agreement and regional cooperation but do share concerns for a different reason. I love MacDonaldis, but people have high blood pressure and he has concerns about this The other question I have is, I was over at Victors and asked why a cruiser was there and someone had an issue or sickness or biological issue and that cleanup is more expensive and I worry about that. The Chair states we will not deal with pick-up or delivery. Captain Howard responds we have biohazards and clean up and it would not cost extra. We have them with our own prisoners. Councilman Daley states the concerns are not germane with the Interlocal Agreement and I have concerns about providing a nutritional menu and not concerned just with cost. I would assume there are more Middletown prisoners than Portland and East Hampton. It is a department issue, not the Interlocal Agreement. Councilman Daley states I think the soup kitchen could provide better meals.

Captain Howard states it is a point taken with MacDonaldis and they are not there that long.

Councilman Faulkner asks is it his understanding that we essentially do it now and have done it for a number of years and this is the first time we are putting it on paper. Captain Howard responds we have been doing it since 1989. The Acting Chief realized we have not been paid for this and so brought about this agreement.

Councilman Klattenberg asks how long the agreement is for. Captain Howard states it is for one year. Councilman Klattenberg states we will be revisiting for changes. Captain Howard responds yes.

The Chair, hearing no further discussion, calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with eight aye votes by the members present and voting. The Chair states the matter passes with eight affirmative votes, none in opposition, and four absent and not voting.

Resolution No.
File Name
Description

95-11
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Approving the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Middletown and the Town of East Hampton for Middletown Police Department services for prisoner housing.

(Approved)

Whereas, the City of Middletown Police Department has been asked to house prisoners for the Town of East Hampton and the provisions of 7-339f have been met for entering interlocal agreements.

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: That the Mayor is authorized to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Middletown and the Town of East Hampton regarding for Middletown Police Department services for prisoner housing.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Bauer moves to adjourn and his motion is seconded by Councilman Drew. There is no discussion and the vote is called. It is unanimous to adjourn and the Chair declares it at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD
Common Council Clerk